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"And He placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubim and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life." Gen. iii: 24.

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We seek for immortality; it is to attain this end that we shape our course. This mortal is to be transformed to immortality; and this corruptible will put on incorruptibility. Such is the declaration of Scripture; the thought impules the aspirations of the human soul to desire it, and common sense dictates it. There can be no fact more consummately and emphatically pronounced than this one truth—that death, not life, is the present lot of man. It is not a fact that unregenerate man has an immortal spark. Man is mortal (dying), and will so remain until the laws of immortal life are comprehended and applied. These laws are definite, and their comprehension is within the grasp of the human intellect.

There is not one word from the beginning of Genesis to the end of Revelation, that can be reasonably construed to signify that the soul is not subject to death. Even the divine soul which God made in his own image and likeness, and into which God breathed his own breath, making it a *living* soul, possessed the power to die. "The soul that sinneth it shall die," is

not only emphatic but truthful. God himself contains the cause and power of death. The first man Adam was a living soul. Such a man was Jesus Christ the Lord. He was the firstborn of every creature; therefore in his personality, being the express image of God's person, he was the first living man—Adam.

The Lord, the Christ of God, was the exact repetition of what transpired in the beginning of the cycle of Mazzaroth, described in the first chapter of Genesis; for the Lord is declared to be the beginning of the creation of God. The Holy Spirit proceeding from the Father and the Son in one person, the person of the Lord, being the quickening Spirit, was the second Adam, for it is declared: "The second Adam is a quickening Spirit." The Lord was a *living* soul, the immortal Son of God. He possessed the power of death, otherwise he could not have died. This was not merely the possibility of the death of the Son of God, it was the Father dying through the death of the Son.

God himself contains the essence of death. "I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things." God is the author of evil, according to this express declaration of Scripture; he is thus the author, because one of the principles residing in the cause of things is death; for without death there is no life. God, therefore, contains the capacity for death, it being one of the inherent properties of causation.

The first Adamic man, the Son of God, produced from the human race 26,000 years ago, was like the first Adam, the Lord Jesus, who was produced from the human race nearly two thousand years ago. The two manifestations were identical; both could live, both could die. It was but the animal life of God manifest in the firstfruits of the resurrection, that had the power to lay down its life and take it up again. God's animal life, while spotless, could begin its career of descent into the sinful humanity. It accomplished this through the Lamb (animal) of God.

The Lord—the Lamb of God—constituted the head of the animal life of Deity, the point at which the life of God begins its descent into the race, to carry forward the eternal principle of the reincarnation of the perfect man. The mystery of immortality resides in this one knowledge; namely, that at the nexus of ascent and descent, the point at which the upward and the downward

ways of being meet, the descending (animal) man and the ascending (God) man are one. "Who knoweth the spirit of man [the ascending spirit] that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast [the descending spirit] that goeth downward?" Who does know? Who can conceive the great truth of the unity of God and man, of the unity of God's man life with God's animal life? He who has the wisdom of God can enjoy this conception and make the discrimination. Adam both lived and died. When he descended into the race, he also ascended into God. When the Lord Jesus, after his resurrection from the tomb, ascended into heaven, he also began his descent, through the operation of the Holy Spirit, into the sinful humanity.

The laws of life are few and simple; to be potential in their operation, they must be applied. Immortal life is only offered to those who overcome. This process of overcoming must be on specific lines and clearly defined; the indications being the suggestions of the causes of human decay. Koreshanity reduces this question of transformation from corruptibility to incorruptibility, to a physico-spiritual science, revealing the mysteries of the soul and the laws of death and life. The final mystery remains no longer a secret; its arcana are exploited, concluded, and presented to the world.

THE GEODETIC SURVEY.

Conclusive Answers to Irrational Objections and Arguments Against the Results Obtained by the Rectilineator.

Obstinacy Manifested by the Chagrined Critics.

I learned, as my first great lesson in the inquiry into obscure fields of knowledge, never to accept the disbelief of great men or their accusations of imposture or of imbecility, as of any weight when opposed to the repeated observation of facts by other men admittedly sane and honest. The whole history of science shows us that whenever educated and scientific men of any age have denied the facts of other investigators on a *priori* grounds of absurdity, the deniers have always been wrong.—Prof. A. Russell Wallace, the Eminent Naturalist.

The Geodetic work at Naples, Fla., has been completed, and the facts thereby obtained have been published to the world. Many are rejoicing over the results; others are chagrined. In the stubborn resistance immediately manifested by a few who would have rejoiced had the evidences produced by the employment of the Rectilineator been favorable to the Copernican theory, we find history repeating itself. Because of this, we publish the above quotation from the pen of a recognized scientist, which reveals the character of the opposition to the facts of demonstration and observation in its true light. Fallacy is rooted and grounded in the very heart of humanity, and will not abandon its hold without a struggle. For the benefit of the reader, we here recall the idiotic opposition to the facts of the discovery by the noted Harvey, of the circulation of the blood in the human system. Although he produced the evidence,—made ocular demonstrations of the flow of the blood through the arteries and veins of the human body—the physicians and anatomists of the old schools refused to investigate. Today, there is not a man that can be found to deny the circulation of the life fluid through the arterial and venous systems.

When the telescope was invented and began to reveal

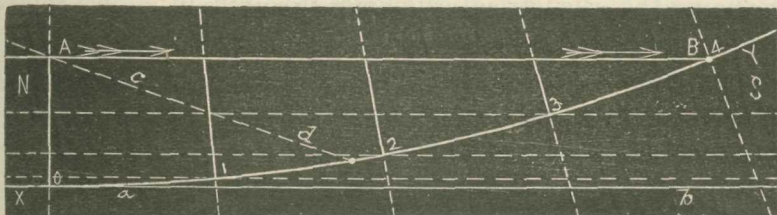
the movement of satellites about the planets, the facts observed by Galileo and others were stubbornly denied by the astronomers of the Ptolemaic system; and for years Galileo succeeded in inducing but few to witness the phenomena through the telescope. One scientist who had more zeal, prejudice and jealousy than knowledge and wisdom, wrote a dissertation of the telescope, attempting to show how astigmatism could be produced in the lenses and the lenses made to revolve in such a way as to give the appearance of the satellites revolving about the planet Jupiter. That man lived and died without ever having made a single astronomical observation by means of the telescope. What did he know about the telescope? The sequel proved that he knew nothing; yet he *denied* that the objects that were seen were possible to be seen.

Geodetic and Geometrical Ratio of Earth's Concavity.

The earth's concavity is considered as an absurdity, and the long line of demonstrations of the same, the mere result of deception and fraud. What do our critics *know* about the facts we have observed? Upon what reasonable ground can the evidences we present, be disputed by those who have never undertaken the lines of experimentation we have projected? The opposition to our work today is as unreasonable, absurd and *idiotic* as that manifested against the work of Harvey and Galileo. We persistently proclaim the *facts* we have observed and obtained; they are as persistently denied by a few who have never ventured near the surface of water to test its contour. We have surveyed a line by means of a mechanical apparatus, the results of which are as easily (?) explained away by a few who have never seen the apparatus and who know nothing about its capabilities or methods of use, as the moons of Jupiter were explained by those who had never observed their motions through the telescope. These so called explanations of the results of our survey, we purpose to overthrow.

We have surveyed a line upon the Gulf coast of Florida. The measurements were such as to demonstrate conclusively the *concave* arc of the earth's curvature upon which the survey was made, and not only the *direction* of its curvature, but also its *ratio*. In this survey we found a definite ratio of approach of the earth's surface to meet the rectiline extended from an altitude of 10 feet above the water level; the line was extended into the water's surface at a distance of about 4 miles from the beginning of the survey, as shown in the diagram accompanying this paragraph; XY being the *concave arc* over 4 miles in length; AB, the air line, A, the beginning, 10 feet above the water, and B, the point of extension into the water; N is north, S, south; 1, 2, 3, 4, the mile stations; *ab* represents the external tangent parallel to the air line, showing the ratio of curvation of the earth's surface for each mile of the survey, while *cd* represents a line referred to later in the article. The ratio of the concave curvature was in proportion to the *square* of the distance; at the end of the first mile the distance between the air line and the water's surface was 8 inches *less* than at the beginning, because the earth in this distance had curved upwards 8 inches; the second mile, about 2 feet and 8 inches; third mile, 6 feet, while at the end of the fourth mile the line extended into the Gulf. In the diagram, the lines of

perpendiculars extending from the air line to the arc at 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, decrease in length in *precisely* the same proportion that the earth curves concavely. Not only was the proper ratio found to exist at the end of *seven miles*, but also at the end of *every eighth of a mile* from the beginning of the survey. Let each reader capable of making a mathematical calculation of the ratio of curvature of a concave sphere



25,000 miles in circumference, test this ratio and the results obtained by the survey, and it will be found that such ratio cannot be obtained by the extension of a right line upon *any other than a concave surface*; the geometrical principles involved will not admit of it.

Two Classes of Objections Urged.

We confront two classes of objections to the character of the geodetic work upon the coast of the Gulf of Mexico. From several sources, it is claimed that the Rectilineator is not sufficiently accurate to extend a straight line; while from others comes the accusation that we purposely inclined the first section at the starting point so as to extend the line into the water at a distance of 4 miles; from others, that the first section of the apparatus was not accurately leveled, but inclined toward the earth by mistake. We suppose that these two classes of objections seem satisfactory to the minds expressing them.

We knew that the objection would be urged that the apparatus was not accurate, and therefore took extra precautions, not only that such objections might be overthrown, but also to *insure* the accuracy required for such work; we did not devote four weeks to making the apparatus accurate, for nothing. The method employed to insure further accuracy, was by making the apparatus neutralize its own inaccuracies by reversal or turning-over of each section at every alternate adjustment. This process would correct any error arising from any inaccuracy of the brass-facings—for whatever error in the line would result from a single cross-arm being more or less than .005 of an inch out of right angle, would be corrected when that section should be reversed, as every mechanic well knows. A source of inaccuracy is also attributed to the contraction and expansion of the material of which the apparatus is constructed. Those who make this objection have never seen the apparatus, and consequently cannot appreciate the fact that the plan of its construction obviates the effect of whatever contraction or expansion occurred. Besides, there are no sources of error or inaccuracy—those of adjustment, settling, vibration from the wind or change of temperature, that could conspire to produce a deviation of the air line always in the *same* direction; check up all the errors that occur, as is done by all surveyors, and the value of the “elements of chance” is found to reside in the fact that the deviations are finally neutralized. It is supposed that settling played an important part in the descent of the line surveyed; if so, why should

the line descend .15 of an inch for the first eighth of a mile, and 6 inches for the eighth between the 19th and 20th tide stakes? If settling produced the descent, this would be manifest by returning over the same line. We returned over the *same* line for a distance of $\frac{3}{8}$ of a mile, to ascertain if there would be any deviation. The fact that the horizontal axis of the apparatus projected the line on the *return* survey to the same points on the record stakes indicating the air line in the forward survey, is proof of the fact that the factors of settling, if any existed, were absolutely neutralized, for they did not swerve the apparatus from a true and direct rectiline course. Let those who make such objections explain *how* the exact and definite ratio was obtained, if we did *not* extend a rectiline from the beginning of the survey.

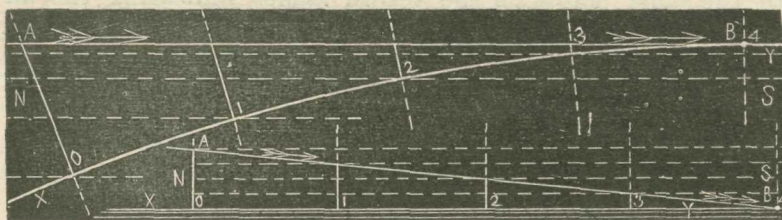
The Objections Contradict Each Other.

We now come to the examination of the charge that we purposely inclined the first section so as to permit of extension of the line into the water in 4 miles. Our burden at the present time is *not* that we failed to produce the evidences that the earth is concave, but to get such minds to see the utter absurdity of such objections. The fact that these objections contradict each other, is conclusive proof that both classes of objections are made without a foundation of conclusion, and are simply subterfuges with which to evade the evidences afforded through the accurate survey. Suppose that we did purposely incline the first section out of level, what would be the result? The charge involves the admission of three things,—very necessary factors in the work of extending a rectiline: First, that our mathematics was exact—necessarily so, to calculate the angle of inclination; secondly, that we were capable of making some *absolute* measurements of angles in the adjustment of the first section of the apparatus, and thirdly, that the apparatus, in order to extend a line from the inclined position of the first section into the water at a distance agreed (?) upon before the work began, would have to be perfect and capable of extending a straight line, for with what else than a perfect apparatus and accurate measurements of angles, could we strike the water at the distance desired from a given inclination of the first section from an absolute level? In order for the charge to be true, we would have to extend an *absolutely straight line*, involving just the kind of adjustments and minute measurements that the other class of minds say is *impossible*. We *know* that the first section was level, having applied two of the finest levels obtainable; we made no mistake—the accuracy of our line depended upon getting the first section in the absolutely correct position.

Reply to Charge of Inclining First Section.

We will examine the charge in another light—in the light of geometrical principles, and will endeavor to illustrate our exposition of this charge and objection in the two diagrams in the following cut: Let XY represent the convex arc; AB the air line, beginning at an altitude 10 feet* above the water, and inclined out of level so as to strike the water in four miles; N is north, S, south; 1, 2, 3, 4 indicate mile stations along the line of survey. Now contrast the ratio of approach of the line to the water's surface that we have exhibited in the cut illustrating the line extended over

the concave arc. In the first diagram, the line *began parallel* with the water's surface, and *ended obliquely* to it. In this, the line begins at a definite angle from the horizontal, and ends coincidental with or parallel to the horizontal at B. The ratio of approach of the line to the water's surface would be just the *reverse* to that really obtained. As for instance, beginning 10 feet above the water, at the end of



the first mile, the line, according to the basis of the charge, would be 4 feet nearer the water's surface than at the beginning. The ratio of approach of the line to the water's surface would be more rapid at the beginning of the line than at the ending, and the ratio of divergence of the line from the end of the line to the beginning, would be in proportion to the square of the distance from the end of the line; whereas in fact, in the survey of the line at Naples, Fla., the ratio of convergence of the air line and the water's surface was less at the beginning of the line and greater at the ending. If the air line had really descended at the ratio of 4 feet for the *first* mile, and so on in proportion, the line would have extended into the surface at a distance of $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles from the beginning of the line, and the angle of inclination from the horizontal would have been enormous.

If the earth were a plane, the result of inclining the first section of the Rectilineator so as to extend the line into the water in 4 miles, would be an even ratio of descent of the line, as represented in the diagram below the convex arc in the above cut, in accordance with the principle of convergence of two straight lines. XY would represent the water line; AB the air line as per charge; N is north, S, south; 1, 2, 3, 4 the mile stations. The approach of the line to the water for the first mile would have been $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet; for the second mile, $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet, and the same for the third mile, and the same for the fourth. The air line would sustain the same obliquity to the horizontal throughout the line of survey. On the *convex arc*, the deviation of the horizontal axis of the apparatus would be greatest at the beginning of the line, and horizontal at the end. How was it? The line showed no perceptible deviation from the horizontal until near the end of the first eighth of a mile, and increased continually as the line progressed, until at the end of $2\frac{3}{8}$ miles the obliquity of the air line to the horizontal was sufficient to extend the visual line from that point to the surface of the Gulf, below the horizon.

Other Experiments Corroborate the Survey.

The above replies to the objections will be conclusive to those who will consider and comprehend the facts. It would be impossible to satisfy a man who doubted the accuracy of the multiplication table until he came to a knowledge of some simple principles of mathematics. We do not expect to reach those who *will not* or *cannot* reason; their minds will have to be changed by the turn in the tide of popular favor from the old to the New System. But it seems strange to us that right in the face of the facts obtained—in view of the fact that no such direct means have ever been applied by the old-

school scientists, in view of the fact that they admit that all the so called evidences of the earth's convexity are only cumulative and circumstantial, and in view of the fact that those who criticise our work were not *brave* enough to face the issue and participate in the experiments performed by the Geodetic Staff—that the direct and absolute evidences we have produced should be rejected by any mind capable of realizing the geometrical principles involved in simple right angles.

Corroborative of the demonstration of the earth's concavity by means of accurate survey, we have the long line of evidences obtained by other means,—tests of the surface of water on canals, lakes and seas—tests and experiments which can be repeated upon any body of water to the satisfaction of the skeptical. The facts we have observed and the line we have surveyed demonstrating the earth's true form, are susceptible of test. We challenge contradiction; but our challenge will have to be answered upon the field of contest, to which we dare the scientific critics—in the many lines of experimentation through which we have obtained the *facts* we announce to the world.

*Really, to conform to the fact that the air line extended into the water in four miles at an angle, with the horizon $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles beyond the end of the chord, the altitude of the starting point, on the *CONVEX* earth as per charge, would have to be 18 FEET and 8 inches, instead of 10 feet! For the sake of simple illustration, we have represented the line as terminating at the horizon, and consequently parallel to the water.

Facts About the Cole Suit.

For ten years the Chicago press has, with the most villainous malignancy, followed Dr. Teed and his Koreshan cause, with its venomous slime. For five or more years it has taken as a subterfuge for its vituperation, the text that Dr. Teed has broken into the harmonies of the domestic life of Chicago, and with pathetic yearnings for the sanctity of some of the sacred family circles of the holy city, has been expectorating its pituitous execrations after something it has never taken pains to inquire into.

At last, the Cole suit has focalized in Judge Burke's court. As usual, the press of Chicago sent off its rockets as signals for the great sensation of filth that the spleen of the opposition to Koreshanity was about to vent and discharge upon the eager and pitiful public. It was the purpose of Capt. Black and his Mephistopheles, who sat behind him, but whose name is too insignificant to mention in these columns, Watson, *et al*, to gorge the public, through the venal gratuity of the Chicago newspapers, with a heap of rubbish aggregated from the lowest sources conceivable. Among the rubbish intended to be meted out to a too credulous and sensation-seeking public, was the deposed testimony of a woman now in New York City, who a few years ago married her daughter to the corpse of a financially defunct count, for the sake of giving her daughter the title of countess. The husband of this same woman acted as sponsor for the dead man, and a fictitious priest conducted the ceremony. This fact is not only verified, but we have the evidence of the case in our possession.

The complaint in the suit embodied the following charges: Dr. Teed had alienated the affections of Mr. Cole's

wife, had received the savings which Mr. Cole had been accumulating for years at \$125 per month and had given over to his wife during that period, and something less than a thousand dollars' worth of furniture,—all of which had been turned over to the Founder of the Koreshan Unity—Dr. Teed.

On cross-examination, the truth forced Tom Cole to state that he did not know whether his wife had one dollar of his money when he left her; that his eight hundred dollars' worth of furniture to which he swore, on general principles, in the direct-examination, he possessed, amounted to a bedroom set, with some other bedroom furniture, six or eight common chairs, an organ, which had been in his possession about six years, one couch, one ingrain carpet of twenty yards, that had been in use five years;—in all there was not more than fifty dollars' worth of goods. He also testified under oath, in the cross-examination, that he left his wife without knowing whether she had any money to take care of herself with, leaving a note on the table (he making oath to its identity, as his own writing), stating that *he would never return to her*. Ten days from that time, he returned to the house and found the goods packed, ready to be moved. He also made oath to the fact that he subsequently obtained a divorce and married again. This testimony was a telling commentary on Capt. Black's opening appeal to the jury, before any testimony was given, wherein he expatiated pathetically and with a tremulous voice on the solitude of Tom Cole during these six or seven years of gloomy desolation, without a wife to cheer and make comfortable the desecrated hearth.

There was another drop in the mercury of Capt. Black's thermometer, when Tom Cole made oath to the fact that *he* (Cole) *was not prosecuting the case*,—having dropped out of it years before, but that the said Mephistopheles was the sole conductor on the train that would run Dr. Teed and his Community on the side track to hades.

The case collapsed in less than an hour and a half; Capt. Black consuming the greater portion of the time. We will give Captain Black, as an astute and far-seeing attorney, the credit of having been gullible enough to accept, without examination, the lies of a man who, though professing to be a lawyer, is not competent to plead a case before a country justice of the peace, and who, simply for the purpose of blackmail, has urged on this case for years. We will do the further courtesy to Attorney Black of noting his manifest willingness to withdraw as quickly as possible from any further prosecution, when the Honorable Judge, who has discrimination and unflinching integrity, asked him to take the case out of court. The case did not go to the jury; what is more, the defense did not present a witness. This is the sum of the family rupture occasioned by Dr. Teed and his cause. The whole business is, mainly, that Tom Cole's case was placed in the hands of the gratuities of the Chicago press. There were several representatives of the press present, who knew of the collapse of the case, but there is not a paper in Chicago, aside from THE FLAMING SWORD, that will be honest enough to tell the truth about this case.

In the cross-examination, Tom Cole swore that he did not see the furniture moved, that he did not know who moved it, and that he did not know where it was moved to. According to the statement of Mrs. Cole, she had forty dollars in her purse when Cole left her, which she had earned,

and she moved to a place unknown to Dr. Teed, and lived there till her little fund was exhausted and her sister could no longer support them—herself, Mrs. Cole, and the adopted boy of Mrs. Cole. When they broke up housekeeping, Mrs. Cole went out to work among strangers. Tom Cole further deposed that he never saw Mrs. Cole in the presence of Dr. Teed, except on one occasion—in a public hall, where the Dr. was giving a public lecture.

We have herein stated the substance of the subterfuges for the attitude of the press of Chicago. These subterfuges do not involve the matter of cause for the persecutions and the interest the newspapers have taken in Koreshanity. The facts are, the spirit of religious persecution is as rife today as in any period of the world's history. Dr. Teed is proclaiming a new religion, or reviving the original one which the modern church has prostituted. The venal and rapacious maw of the Chicago octopus can be better satiated by pampering to the popular sentiment, than by taking issue on the side of unpopular Koreshanity. This is the difficulty with Koreshanity, and the cause for the attitude of the press of the country.

IMPORTANT TO OUR READERS.

We issue this number as a monthly, though reduced in the number of pages. We shall, however, more than compensate our subscribers in the publication of the weekly SWORD soon to follow. It is our purpose to render our publication, as its name indicates, THE FLAMING SWORD.

We still urge our readers who are interested, to send in their names as subscribers to the weekly, which will be sent up to the date of the expiration of their subscriptions for the monthly SWORD. We shall drop all names whose subscriptions are not canceled at the expiration of the time of subscription. We cannot continue the paper except on prepaid subscriptions. This is partly due to the demands of the postal laws, and partly to the fact that we cannot possibly maintain the circulation of the SWORD without the necessary funds for its support.

Shrinkage of Reportorial Bulk.

It may seem from the articles appearing in this number, that we are anxious for reportorial notoriety, and disappointed because the press representatives cooled off so suddenly. Not so, however; we merely wish to note the fact that an army of reporters was on hand to make a sensation, provided the case were decided against us.

The greatest obstacle in the way of the world's progress is the modern church.

The Osteopathy Bill.

Governor Tanner has vetoed the Osteopathy bill. A new school of healing has recently developed, and with such indications of progress as to so control the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Illinois, as to pass both branches of the Legislature. The bill includes the authorization of an independent action of this new school, from the regular Board of examination and control of the practice of medicine in the state.

The principal feature of this school is the cure of disease by the manipulation of the bones of the body into place, their slight departure or displacement from the normal position being, it is claimed, the cause of disease. The reason given for the veto is, that it is class legislation.

If God ever permitted, or the devil in hell or in humanity ever prompted, an infernal piece of class legislation, which stands out flagrantly pronounced as an arbitrary, bigoted, and pusillanimous act of tyranny and oppression, it is the attitude of the old school of medicine, endorsed by the legislative enactments of the various states of the Union. If there ever was a humbug on the face of the earth (now in the hands of Satan) more infinitely emphatic than the self-pronounced "regular" school of medicine, we have failed to observe it. The sanitary condition of a community is generally in proportion to the diminution of the M. D.'s it supports. The more poisonous drugs there are poured into the system by the skilled (?) in their administration, the greater the departure from health of any community. The less the people patronize the "regular" profession and poison themselves with the tons of deadly toxicants dispensed through prescriptions and otherwise, the better off they are.

Osteopathy is a science of which the "regulars" are totally ignorant, and to which they are as totally opposed. If some desire to practice it, and there are many who desire to avail themselves of its benefits, they should be permitted to do so without the interference of such bigoted old fogysm as that presented by "regularism." It may be an honor to be able to flourish the appellation of "regular," derived from a self-imposed cognomen by an obstructive association; but the progress of this world has always been in the hands of the *irregulars*. The Lord Jesus had not the honor of being classed with the "regulars"—he was decidedly irregular. Progress is never inaugurated by fogysm and the so called conservative element.

Let the world progress! Clear out all obstructions to advancement!

The tri-personality of the Godhead is not a doctrine of either the Old or the New Testament. The unity of the Godhead in the Lord Jesus is a clear doctrine of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Jesus, the Savior and Prince of the world, is the incarnate Jehovah God, made flesh. The Lord was the Word, who is God made manifest that we might behold and know the true God and eternal life.

THE EARTH IS CONCAVE.

The Rapid and Invincible Progress of Koreshanity Evinced by the Successful Demonstrations of its Scientific Premise.

BY PROF. U. G. MORROW.

The problem that has long engaged the minds of scientists has been solved; the earth's form, the determination of which has baffled the skill and taxed the ingenuity of the scientific world, is at last demonstrated to be *cellular*, with its habitable surface concave! In the light of all it implies and involves, there is nothing in the entire realm of science that is of more stupendous import. When realized, there can be nothing more *startling* than the absolute evidences of the earth's concavity. To the mind of the rational investigator, the theory of the earth's concave curvature is removed from the plane of mere probability to that of absolute certainty; the circuitous route of inquiry concerning the various phenomena of the universe is now obviated, and the question definitely settled in the minds of those who have considered and comprehended the meaning of the simple facts afforded through the application of the principles of accurate geodetic survey. There at once begins a rapid progress of the Koreshan System—the mighty scientific revolution must inevitably follow the promulgation of a Scientific System founded upon a demonstrated premise. The popular system, in order to support its conclusions, has had to resort to various seemingly plausible explanations of phenomena; these explanations are now appealed to as proofs of the correctness of the assumptions. There is not a *fact* that can be found to contradict *any other fact* in its testimony concerning the form of the universe; once the premise of the earth's concavity is admitted to be demonstrated, the acceptance of the *entire* System logically founded upon that premise, follows as a natural result.

For the *first* time in the history of the world a simple, direct and absolute test has been made of the earth's surface. The world is not only confronted with the evidences of the earth's true form and contour, but also the *challenge* which the facts themselves hurl into the face of fallacy in stronger terms than is possible with the pen! Scientists have searched for centuries for some satisfactory evidence in support of the popular theory and have *not* found it, and they now admit that the very nature of things will not admit of direct evidence. Great would be the rejoicing among them if the Copernican system could be as *firmly* grounded upon facts as is the Koreshan Cosmogony! Even now they cling to mere *shadows* of evidences in preference to the thousands of proofs that the earth is concave. All the efforts of modern scientists to find some conclusive evidence that the earth is convex, are now rendered futile through the application of simple and specific geometric and geodetic principles demonstrating the earth's surface to be concave. The failure of scientific investigators of the past and present to ascertain that which they have so long desired, is evidence that the system

they have endeavored to substantiate is incapable of meeting the exigencies of the hour. Under the delusions of the incubus of fallacy, instead of arriving at true and definite conclusions in the realm of true science, they are further adrift than ever before. The success of the Koreshan System in demonstrating its premise proves its character, and establishes for all time the true basis of conclusion in thought and life.

Our Geometrical Propositions Impregnable.

There is not a rational mind that can deny that the specific propositions set forth in the Koreshan System involve the most *direct* means of determining not only the true *form* of the earth, but also the *ratio* of its curvature. The survey of an air line at right angles to the perpendicular at any given point, involves geometrical principles that are absolute. There are certain specific relations existing between a curved surface and straight lines that cannot be changed to suit the prejudices and jealousies of the would-be scientists. A straight line extended in two directions from the apex of a convex arc must be tangent to the arc at that point, and as surely, the line would extend into space; it would be impossible for such a line to ever again come in contact with the surface curvating away from the tangent line at a specific ratio of amplification. If the straight line be surveyed upon a concave surface, the termini of that line would be in contact with the surface at two points equidistant from the radius vector of the chord or the given perpendicular. The survey of a line in two directions—the extension of such a line into the water's surface at the termini of the chord of arc, is an absolute demonstration that the surface over which the line is extended is concave.

Here are the geometrical principles defining the relations existing between the cord and arc; the facts of the geodetic survey of such a line place the question beyond dispute, for the methods employed involve principles as absolute as the specific geometrical propositions and principles upon which the whole survey is predicated. The truth of the Cellular Cosmogony is a stern reality, with its evidences tangibly manifest! The great plumb-line of scientific integrity is being suspended—by it the boasted claims of the world are to be tested. It now remains for the world to prove its love or hatred of Truth—its ability or inability to rationalize, by its acceptance or rejection of the facts so absolute, of principles so simple, and of a system so directly the reverse of all modern systems as to be startling to all not afflicted with that dense stupidity which we have found manifest in some spheres of thought!

The New Geodesy in Its Success Exceeds in Importance the World's Fruitless Scientific Research.

The importance of an undertaking is always measured by its ultimate results. On such a basis we place the importance of our geodetic survey over against all the efforts of modern scientific men, with all their millions of dollars, with all their appliances and apparatus of the very finest workmanship, and with all their observatories. With all the facilities at their command, they have failed to bring to humanity that which they have been

commissioned and paid to discover. The geodesist and geographers have almost girdled the globe with surveyors' chains in the endeavor to discover the earth's true form. Certainly, at their bidding, vessels have plied the oceans of the world in every direction and from pole to pole in the hope of discovering some fact indicative of the correctness of their conclusions. In the more advanced nations, section after section has been selected as the field of geodetic operations, where base lines, triangles and quadrilaterals have been surveyed; and yet they have failed to accomplish that for which they have ostensibly labored. Likewise, the ingenuity of the astronomers has been directed toward the heavens in the investigation of all the movements of the visible orbs above us, and have failed to discover a single fact in support of the hypothesis of the earth's motion—they have failed to determine the true distance of a single fixed star, and their calculations of solar, lunar and planetary magnitudes and distances are wide of the mark. To prove the theory of the earth's diurnal rotation and annual revolution about the sun, many ingenious experiments have been conducted, and wonderfully accurate instruments and mechanical appliances have been employed, but without success.

When we consider the remarkable success of the geodetic work of the Koreshan System proving the earth's concavity, in contrast with the failure of scientists, how utterly insignificant seem all their efforts! How fruitless the many expeditions commissioned by the various governments of the world to make observations of the transits of Venus for the purpose of determining the true solar parallax! How valueless, in view of the failure to prove the conclusions desired, are the experiments with Foucault's pendulum, the rotating gyroscopes, spectral analysis and star-gauging! In short, the stupendous efforts put forth in the cause of so called science are needless expenditures of energy. We are not discrediting the scientific work of the world; such efforts have their value, but the work thus far performed by scientists of the old school is not of paramount importance. We are simply comparing success with failure, the results of energy directed along the line of Truth, with that contributed to the cause of the great mogul of fallacy. The great wonder of the hour, the startling fact now manifesting and forcing itself upon the rational mind is, that outside of the ranks of recognized scientists there should develop a line of scientific work that eclipses all the efforts of the vast army of astronomers and teachers in all the observatories and universities of the world!

Potent Factors of the Scientific Revolution.

Hard to be credited, is it? Yet such things have occurred in the past. The world was once entrenched behind the astronomy of Ptolemy and the philosophy of Aristotle—all the scientists of the world were advocating these phases of fallacy until they were supplanted by something more in keeping with the mental conditions of that period. A more gigantic form of fallacy developed from the deadness of the older systems, and

now almost the entire world endorses that which had a struggle to gain a foothold. If the Copernican system of astronomy, having only an hypothesis—an assumption—for a premise of conclusion, has succeeded in converting the world to its absurdities after three centuries of effort, how much more potent, as a fact of scientific revolution, must be the marvelous System of KORESH, founded upon the absolute truth of the earth's concavity! The popular astronomical fallacy succeeded because of the invention of the telescope, which revealed some things in the physical heavens unknown to the advocates of the Ptolemaic system. The Koreshan System must as surely, yet more rapidly, supplant the now prevailing system, possessing as it does every real scientific element in the world, and introducing entirely new and original methods of scientific experimentation. Nothing can impede its progress; it is invincible. The world cannot long withstand the forces of the absolute truth, having for its foundation the indisputable facts of the greatest discovery of modern times.

The Debs Movement.

We quote from the *Dakota Ruralist*, concerning the proposed movement inaugurated by Debs: "He [Debs] found that it [the original scheme of the Mormons] was perfect until the spirit of commercialism came upon the leaders of the church. * * * He thinks that the work of the Mormons in building up Utah out of a desert has not been fully understood, because the public knows Mormonism only by its upholding of polygamy. The details of the co-operative scheme of the Mormons, however, show that it was perfect." "When asked if the church discipline did not have a great deal to do with making the Mormons prosperous and content with their lot, he said it undoubtedly did, but that in the new co-operative movement there would be equally as strong influences in the belief of those who undertake it, in the doctrine of co-operation."

Collection and distribution are the prime factors in the unity and perpetuity of action in any organic body. This is commerce. The "commercial spirit" is the life of all being, but there is a legitimate as also an illegitimate commerce. Legitimate commerce is possible only when love to the neighbor is the ruling incentive to action. This can obtain only when the heart (by heart, we mean the heart of the head, which is love) is actuated by genuine religion. The spirit of a fallacious commerce actuated the leaders of the Mormon church, because the religion of the Mormons was false and evil.

While the *Dakota Ruralist* credits with perfection the Mormon system, it acknowledges its failure. Is there any thing in this new movement, founded merely upon the doctrine of co-operation, that insures its perpetuity beyond that of the Mormon church? Is there any promise in this present effort, carried into any state of the Union, that will insure the state against the influx of United States citizens who do not believe in the co-operative system, of greater potency than that

belonging to the Mormon church? It would be a difficult undertaking for any small body of men to control a state in the interests of a co-operative enterprise, with the common rights of American citizens to migrate when where and they please, under the protection of the general government.

While we rejoice at the agitation on all the lines of opposition to the competitive system, we predict that no movement will succeed that does not involve, as the heart of the movement, not only a religious sentiment, but the religious potency that will constitute the initiatory propulsion of the new age. Republicanism and Democracy are steps merely, toward individualism, which is the strong tendency of the age. It is the great disintegrating force preparatory to the establishment of the divine kingdom.

The equitable regulation of the laws of collection and distribution must depend upon organic unity, and organic unity depends upon centralization of power. All these essentials to success are lacking in any movement that does not involve correct religious principles.

The Injustice of the Chicago Press.

It must have been a galling experience for the Mephistopheles of the Cole suit, conductor on the train which was to sidetrack Dr. Teed to purgatory, to meet the representatives of the Chicago press after the collapse of the case in Judge Burke's court. For at least a year, the reporters have been eating the chaff prepared by the said conductor, Specht, Watson, Emmertz, *et al*, awaiting the sensational pabulum that was to celebrate this case in court. When the case collapsed, nobody but the Judge and the attorneys present knew what was the matter. The reporters buzzed around like a lot of bees whose honey had been tipped over by a bear in the apiary.

The Chicago *Inter Ocean* has been prominent in setting forth the seriousness of Tom's rupture; of course it did not mention Tom's sprees, nor his abuse of his wife, nor his threats to kill (even before she ever heard of Koreshanity), nor her poverty when he deserted her, nor his perjury in obtaining a divorce on the plea of *her* desertion, when, as the facts show, on his own testimony, he deserted her without any provocation whatsoever; nor does the *Inter Ocean* this morning, (June 24, the day after the collapse,) mention the vindication of Dr. Teed. If so, Dr. Teed, after some considerable perusal of the paper, fails to discover it. It may be found in some of the advertising columns—these we have not examined. What became of the reporters of the *Inter Ocean* the instant of the collapse of the case? Are they paralyzed?

We have searched the *Inter Ocean* again, and find the following:

"A non suit was taken yesterday by the attorneys in the suit against Cyrus R. Teed, the 'Koreshan Prophet.'" The reason given was, that the witnesses necessary to show that Teed had alienated the affections of Mrs. Annie Cole, the wife of the plaintiff, could not be secured. The *Inter Ocean* sums up, in part, the direct testimony of Tom Cole,

but leaves out of the report the testimony on the cross examination, which caused Judge Burke to say to Capt. Black, that he had better withdraw the case.

The *Inter Ocean* further states that Miss Crosten, the sister of Mrs. Cole, was then called, but was not in court. Mrs. Cole's sister was *not* called, and if the *Inter Ocean* has taken the false statement of Capt. Black, or his Mephistophiles, then it ought to retract the lie. The sister of Mrs. Cole was not in court, but if she had been required by the defense, she would have testified to the fact that she lived with Mr. and Mrs. Cole during their married life, and that Mr. Cole began his rows at the time and before his marriage, that he continued them during all the seven years of their infelicitous connection; that she was present at the row at which Tom Cole deserted his wife, that she had no money, that she did not move to the Koreshan Unity, and that Mrs. Cole forced herself into the Community long after his desertion, against the positive statement of Dr. Teed that she did not belong with them.

Not only was Miss Crosten ready to give this testimony, but she had, years before, when all the circumstances in the case were fresh in her mind, made deposition to Mr. Greenfield, the Attorney in the case, to this effect,—which deposition Mr. Greenfield now has in his possession.

"The attorneys for the plaintiff," says the *Inter Ocean*, "said the collapse of the case was due principally to the fact that the testimony of Mrs. E. Emmertz was not available in the case." Capt. Black knew as well before the case was brought to trial as he did after, that the testimony of Mrs. Emmertz was not available. He will not admit, after his experience in the court, that it required Judge Burke to announce to him what the law is. The truth is, Mrs. Emmertz' testimony *was not called for*, and any reporter of common sense should have known this fact.

The *Inter Ocean* further states that Mrs. Emmertz' "deposition was not completed before she went to New York, where she now lives." This is a barefaced lie. Her deposition was taken by a certain attorney who prosecuted the case, Attorney Greenfield, Dr. Teed, and others being present. Mrs. Emmertz perjured herself in the testimony, and the testimony was taken as a bluff, with no doubt an effort to blackmail Dr. Teed. Dr. Teed is not Schweinfurth, and it would not work.

We did not find the *Inter Ocean* article among the small advertisements; it was on the last page, largely devoted to advertisements, and occupied a space of about three inches in an advertising column. There was not one scintilla of justice done to Dr. Teed, in the article.

Credit to the Chicago Journal.

Honest Exception to the Rule.

We are glad to note that we find an exception to the sweeping statement regarding the Chicago dailies. The *Chicago Journal* of June 23d, published an article, no doubt with the attempt at fairness to the Cole case and the results of the suit. In one head-line it says: "It develops, however, that the woman was solely to blame." This conclusion might be drawn from Tom Cole's direct testimony in his own case. What would

have been shown had the judge not ordered a halt, is quite another question. The testimony of Cole on the cross-examination, killed the case for the plaintiff. It developed from the cross-examination, that no one was to blame but Cole himself.

The *Journal's* article would carry the impression that Mrs. Cole left Cole to join the Koreshan Community. It was months after Cole deserted his wife, that she came to a public lecture held in the double parlors of the Koreshan Home, and after the lecture, upon the pretense of being sick, worked upon the sympathies of the Board of Managers and remained in the home. She has always been regarded by the people of the Koreshan Unity as laboring under what we regard as obsession. She has been tolerated at times at the home, but she is not, nor has she been for years, a member of the Koreshan Order. The hallucinations upon which her conflicts with Cole (through her entire married life with him) were undoubtedly founded, were not the result of hearing the Koreshan doctrines. The Koreshan Unity positively refuses to harbor her so long as she holds to the hallucinations characterizing her mental freaks.

On General Principles, We Cannot Afford to Foot-Race it With the Devil's Imps.

Some of the very urgent charges against Koresh and his methods are, that he receives money for his public efforts. We convert people to our doctrine, and when they are converted they turn their possessions over to Dr. Teed. It is an awfully wicked thing for us, in the estimation of the modern Christian world, to receive money from our converts, especially from the fact that what we succeed in gathering in, Mr. Moody and Dr. Harper, of the Chicago University, fail to absorb.

We own that the progress of our work depends upon the support given it by its advocates and followers. It is our purpose to win converts to our cause and then get their money. We have labored day and night for over twenty-five years promulgating the doctrines of Koreshanity, and today own not one cent outside of our interest in the possessions held in common by the Koreshan Ecclesia. If our wealth is so great as some of our friends, the enemy, would make it appear, and through our efforts a person with a few hundred dollars is converted to our cause and induced to place their little wealth in the common fund, and then own their equal share of the entire wealth, actually increasing their possession, we cannot see just where the wrong appears.

We cannot, however, afford to waste much of our valuable time in meeting the calumnies of our enemies. The devil, through the diversified channels of his influence, would be glad to compel us to devote all our time to the refutation of his diabolic lies. We have more profitable demands upon us, and in the main shall confine ourselves to the work of the promulgation of our system.

God the man and man the God is the great mystery only revealed to the few at the Lord's advent in the beginning of the dispensation, lost sight of in the declension of the church, to be resurrected now at the close of the old and the inauguration of the new age.

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